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Inventor:	Freeman, et al.	Atty Ref.:	END5051USNP-0515141
Title:	METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MINIMALLY INVASIVE IMPLANTATION OF BIOMATERIAL		

RESPONSE TO SECOND RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

On 07/13/2007, the Office mailed a first Restriction Requirement, requiring an Election to be made between Group I (claims 1-47) and Group II (claims 48-60). In response, Applicant elected to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-47) on 08/03/2007.

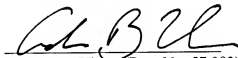
On 10/19/2007, the Office mailed a second Restriction Requirement, requiring an election to be made from the following species: film, patch, and core jacketed with a permeability selective membrane. The Office noted that claims 1-9, 11-24, and 38-47 were generic.

This paper is being filed in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on 10/19/2007.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the species including the core jacketed with a permeability selective membrane, without traverse. As noted by the Office, claims 1-9, 11-24,

and 38-47 all read on this species. In addition, claims 27-28 and 31-37 read on the elected species. Therefore, claims 1-9, 11-24, 27-28, and 31-47 remain under active prosecution. While Applicant does not traverse the present Restriction Requirement, Applicant makes the present election without prejudice, and reserves the right to pursue the non-elected claims at a later date, including but not limited to such date when one or more generic claims are deemed allowable.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. B. Ulmer', written over a horizontal line.

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